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REPORT DUE JULY 15th ON CENSUS WHICH MAY HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON CA REAPPORTIONMENT.

Editor's note: July 15th is the day that U.S. Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher will decide whether or not to accept what's known as the Post Enumeration Survey (PES) data. If he does, it means Calif. will probably pick up a 53rd congressional seat. It's a key decision. Here is CALPEEK's brief report and update...

...Most CALPEEK sources indicate that the 1980 census was off the mark by some 3 million people — an undercount, mostly among minorities. As for 1990, it could be undercounted by 4-7 million. The undercount in Calif. could run from 600,000 to 1.1 million. In fact the biggest undercount is in the South & West, areas that now tend to be more conservative in voting habits...

...To count or undercount. If Mosbacher REFUSES to include the new PES data (and CALPEEK sources say he leans in this direction), that could trigger a huge number of lawsuits from Hispanics and other minorities who fear the undercount will hurt them when it comes to REAPPORTIONMENT...

...Assuming Mosbacher includes the new PES data, CALPEEK sources in Sacto say it may take only a few days to load the info into the computers. One source said, "Serious line drawing on congressional and legislative districts could begin by July 22." If he doesn't include the data, remap experts will be punching out new districts as soon as Mosbacher finishes his announcement...

...But all this remapping may be for nothing. CALPEEK sources say Gov. Pete Wilson has already decided to file suit against WHATEVER reapportionment plans are passed — regardless of whether these plans pass with a 2/3rd vote. Wilson has set up a committee called Californians for Fair Elections

(referred to in Sacto as CAFE) and has hired the L.A. law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher to handle the legal challenges. In other words, Wilson is already preparing for World War III with incumbents of BOTH political parties over reapportionment. Stay tuned...

CHRISTOPHER COMM. REPORT SPREADS BLAME FOR L.A.P.D. MESS; NO BIG WINNERS, ONLY LOSERS.

Editor's note: If there are CALPEEK readers who haven't heard of the L.A. Police Dept. probe by the 10-member panel known as the Christopher Commission, then those readers have been living on the Moon — or in the State Capital where the budget battle still dominates the news. The report was issued July 9 and it was a major news media event. The report's focus was on whether there was a pattern of excessive use of force by police, especially in dealing with L.A.'s minority community. The report did NOT paint a comforting picture. Here is CALPEEK's assessment, with LOSERS & others. There were NO winners except for the 10-member panel who wrote the report...

- GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS — The GOOD news about the Christopher Comm. Report is that there are 8,000 good, hard working cops in the L.A.P.D. who are just as upset about the March 3rd Rodney King incident as were members of the commission. The BAD news is that there are about 300 rotten apples in the police department who are alleged to have used EXCESSIVE FORCE at least 4 times or more over the last 4 years. 16 of this group have used excessive force 8 or more times...

- COMMAND & CONTROL — Remember that expression from Operation Desert Storm? Well in the case of the COMMAND structure of the

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L.A.P.D., it turns out they didn't do too much to CONTROL the excessive force -- or to curb racist remarks and ethnic slurs by a "significant group" of what the report called "problem officers."...

- THE DEFIANT ONE - Yes, good old Chief Daryl Gates. From his comments July 9 one might think Gates couldn't read between the lines of this report. While the document does NOT call for Gates to resign, it does state clearly that NOW is the time to begin the TRANSITION to find a new L.A.P.D chief. But Gates says he's staying. No retirement just yet. He thinks he's the only one who can fix the problems. Maybe...

- TERMS OF ENDEARMENT - The report recommends no more than two/5 year terms for the chief of the L.A.P.D. -- after that the marriage ends. In Gates' case, he's been chief for 13 years. Is it time for the city to file for DIVORCE? Many think so...

- TOTAL RECALL - Not the movie, but the recall movement started months ago by Kerman Maddox, aimed at removing Gates via an election. The recall drive is still alive, but is some 8,000 names shy of the 60,000 needed. In reality, Maddox needs about 100,000 to insure qualification. The deadline for submitting signatures is mid August...

- CODE OF SILENCE - The commission report doesn't heap all the blame on Chief Gates or his department. Mayor Tom Bradley took some heat too for failing to give his police commissioners adequate direction and for not being more careful in reviewing Gates' job performance...

- PROLONGED CODE 7 - That's cop talk for "out to lunch." In the case of L.A. City Atty. Jim Hahn, Warren Christopher noted that Hahn, as the city's lawyer, should have had a heart-to-heart with Gates a long time ago about all the lawsuits for excessive force. Cost of these lawsuits run in the millions of dollars...

- ONE NOTE GATES BASHING SAMBA - The song was written by So. Calif. ACLU exec. director Ramona Ripston, who happens to be (in the opinion of CALPEEK) Gates' strongest and most vocal critic. By the way, One Note Gates Bashing Samba is NOT a love song...

- COUNCIL ON A HOT TIN ROOF - Keep your eyes on the L.A. City Council. Mayor Bradley, as well as the media, are urging the city council to adopt the Christopher Commission Report without any changes. Will that happen? Don't bet on it, especially when it comes to beefing up the Police Commission so that they can independently check on the L.A.P.D.'s activities...

- EMPIRE STRIKES BACK - Why do you suppose there are members of the council who are afraid of the L.A.P.D.? Could it be because there are still secret intelligence files? Many think the answer is YES. And guess who is in charge of the of old Police Disorders & Intelligence Division(PDID), which is now called the Anti-Terrorist & Intelligence Unit? If you said L.A.P.D. Capt. Stephen GATES, brother of Daryl, you win a prize. Stay tuned...

5th A.D. UPDATE: THE POT IS NOW BOILING.

With another 10 days to go before the July 23rd special election to replace Tim Leslie (R-Sacto) in the 5th A.D., most CALPEEK sources think GOP candidate B.T. Collins is the odds-on-favorite to win this seat, BUT are unsure what impact a new and potentially EXPLOSIVE issue may have on this special election...

...The new and explosive issue is RELIGION. Collins, who is a self-avowed atheist, is angered because conservative religious leaders from Sacto & Placer Counties have started a letter writing campaign, urging church members who are voters to support B.T.'s chief rival, Barbara Alby, a hardline conservative allied with the Pat Robertson wing of the CA Republican Party. Collins has denounced the organizers of the letter writing campaign as "hypocrites" who "don't understand the separation of church and State."...

...How does this particular issue play in the 5th A.D.? Advantage ALBY. Many of the born-again Christian fundamentalists who live in the district are very active politically and would support Alby anyway. The problem for Alby, until now, was getting these voters motivated. The motivation has been provided by a front page story in the July 10 edition of the Sacto BEE. It's a story that's hard to miss and one that Alby will reprint and send to voters...

...Almost lost because of this religion controversy is the fact that Mark Baughman, who like Alby is a hardline conservative, DROPPED OUT of active campaigning just prior to July 4th. He couldn't raise the money to remain competitive. There are several other GOP types also on the ballot, but they are NOT considered serious contenders. With Alby now the lone hardliner in the 5th A.D. special, she's certain to pick up much of Baughman's support. The main question is whether this will be enough. Some observers think Collins just has TOO MUCH political muscle to be stopped. There are reports that he may have as many as 8,000 AV ballots already turned in to the county registrar...

...In recent days Collins has picked up endorsements from 15 members of the Legislature, including that of Ross Johnson, the GOP Assembly minority leader; and Bev Hansen, the GOP Assembly Caucus chair. B.T. also has the endorsement of Gov. Pete Wilson(R). These days, B.T. is one of the few things that the Wilson and Johnson see eye to eye on. Collins also has loads of organizational endorsements and most important of all, a MASSIVE WARCHEST. Sources say the Collins budget will hit \$350,000. On top of all this, B.T.'s name ID stands at about 79% in the 5th A.D...

...Although Collins may seem like a heavy favorite, Alby has many friends and supporters too. She has the backing of the influential Gun Owners of Calif., the CA Republican Assembly(CRA), and now has backing from former Baughman supporters, U.S. Rep. John Doolittle and Assemblyman David Knowles. With help from INDEPENDENT expenditure committees, such as FAMILY PAC, Alby will be outspent, but competitive. And if this flap over RELIGION takes off, the odds favoring Collins could drop. Stay tuned...

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67th A.D. UPDATE: SPECIAL RACE HEATS UP. Like the 5th A.D. special up north, this election in conservative Orange County is just now beginning to heat up. The flap is over TAXES and the two GOP rivals trading charges are Orange Councilman Bill Steiner, who like B.T. Collins is probably best described as a Pete Wilson Republican; and businessman/retired Marine Corps fighter pilot Mickey Conroy. Conroy is an anti-tax, take-no-prisoners conservative. The 67th does have a Demo candidate, but Greg Ramsay of Santa Ana isn't a factor in this special election...

...So what's the TAX FLAP? Steiner claims that over the last 6 weeks Conroy has been LYING about the councilman's record with regard to TAXES. Indeed, much of the polling shows taxes to be the hot/button issue in this race. Specifically, Conroy has accused Steiner of "raising" retail business taxes by 50%. In at least 4 different Conroy mailers CALPEEK reviewed, that was the wording. HOWEVER, the evidence is very clear Steiner WASN'T ON THE COUNCIL when the tax was raised in 1985. Conroy's campaign more or less admits the goof, but has still used this same line, even though they know it's wrong. Reason: Conroy's campaign still insists Steiner is a pro-tax advocate because he voted to "retain" the business tax in 1990. Bottomline: wrong is wrong...

..Of the two, Steiner is probably better funded, but CALPEEK sources believe with independent expenditures, Conroy will be very competitive. Endorsements are a toss up. Conservatives such as U.S. Reps. Bob Dornan and Bill Dannemeyer, plus Orange Co. Assemblymembers Nolan Frizzelle, Gil Ferguson and Tom Mays are backing Conroy. All 5 members of the Orange Co. Board of Supes, GOP State Sen. Marian Bergeson and the bulk of the public safety employee associations side with Steiner. The two are probably running pretty close, but CALPEEK sources give a slight edge to Conroy based on the conservative voting habits of the 67th...

...QUESTION: Why won't John Lewis, who represented the 67th A.D. for many years before moving to the State Senate last month, endorse Mickey Conroy? In terms of political philosophy, there is very little difference between these two. Sources say the lack of endorsement by Lewis has more to do

with Assemblyman Gil Ferguson, Conroy's biggest supporter in this special. Go back to 1990 when then GOP State Sen. Bill Campbell gave up his seat to become head of the CA Mfg. Assn. In a rather bitter special, GOP Assemblymembers Frank Hill, a Lewis ally, and Ferguson, fought it out, with Hill the winner. The wounds from that special have NOT completely healed and that's why Lewis has withheld his endorsement. At least that is the opinion of several CALPEEK sources. Stay tuned...

ETHICS IN L.A. CITY GOVT. TOPIC FOR FORUM.
L.A. Councilman Mike Woo, L.A. City Ethics Commission Exec. Officer Ben Bycel and political law attorney Dana Reed will discuss "Ethics in City Government: Implementing Prop. H," when the L.A. Current Affairs Forum meets July 23. Buffet & hosted reception 6 p.m., panel discussion 7 p.m., Lawry's Calif. Center, L.A. For info and RSVPs, call Emma Schafer (213)445-8862...

WEST HOLLYWOOD RECALL DRIVE FALLS SHORT.
A recall drive aimed at West Hollywood Mayor John Heilman has fallen short of the required 4,202 signatures. Recall proponents collected 4,435 names, but only 3,572 were judged valid by the L.A. Co. Registrar. Recall proponents have indicated they may try again. The number of required signatures is based on 21,012 registered voters, but it is estimated that West Hollywood may have no more than 14,000 to 16,000 voters. The 21,012 is based on 1984 voter rolls...

CA BALLOT MEASURE UPDATE: A PERS MEASURE?
Editor's note: Here is an update on some important activity relating to initiatives in Calif...

- CALPEEK sources report that People's Advocate (the old Gann group now headed by Ted Costa) is looking at a June 1992 ballot measure to ROLL BACK the PERS raid by Gov. Pete Wilson and the CA Legislature. One source said Wilson and the lawmakers are treating the State's pension funds like a "Texas S&L." If this measure makes the 1992 ballot, you could see a coalition of public employees joining forces with anti-tax crusaders and pension fund watchers...
- A 7th initiative measure has now been given the green light to begin gathering signatures. This measure is a constitution-

al amendment called "LEGAL PRACTICE AND SERVICES." It is a highly technical measure permitting the exercise of 'judicial power' to adopt and approve rules and regulations for practicing law and the provision of legal services. The proponents are Ken Steenolsen of Belmont Shores and Lennis J. Holm of Fallbrook (213)469-2683 or (619) 728-2968. Steenolsen and Holm have until Nov. 15 to collect 615,958 signatures...

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL WINS SENATE TEST.
AB 101, the so-called Gay Bill of Rights which bans discrimination in housing and employment, won an easy first test in the CA Senate's Judiciary Cmt., but could face a tougher challenge when it moves to the Senate Appropriations Cmt. Supporters of AB 101 think if it gets to the floor it will win passage with 25 or 26 votes. Senate President David Roberti(D-L.A.) is the bill's floor manager in the upper house. As predicted, AB 101 passed the Assembly with 42 votes. Demos casting votes against AB 101 were Sal Cannella(Modesto), Steve Clute(Riverside), Jerry Eaves(Rialto) and Bob Epple(Norwalk). Demo Dick Floyd(Lawn-dale) abstained. Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES.
Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Robin Shine Ackerman & Michael Dieden have teamed up to form the Public Affairs Consulting Group at 16830 Ventura Blvd., Ste. Y, Encino, CA 91436 (818)784-4411...
- Fundraiser Irene Tritschler has signed on to assist Beverly Hills Councilman Bob Tanenbaum in his 1992 run for L.A. County DA. Tritschler's IJT & Associates is HQed in West L.A. (213)575-3460...
- Campaign consultant Leslie Winner has decided NOT to move back to D.C. (where she had a job with U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters) and instead will remain in L.A. She has joined forces with consultant Felicia Bragg to form Winner/Bragg at 3732 W. 6th St., #307, L.A. 90020. (213)389-6123...
- Campaign/pa/govt. relations consultant David Mixner has moved back to L.A. from Connecticut. He has reopened his DBM Associates at 12121 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1100, L.A. 90025. Phone (213)447-3580...